## Messages for U.S. Citizens: Elimination of Extra Visa Pages

Effective January 1, 2016, the Department of State will eliminate the option of supplemental 24-page Visa Page Inserts (VPIs) for passports. To mitigate the impact of this coming change, applicants at overseas posts began to routinely receive 52-page passports starting October 1, 2014 and posts stopped accepting requests for the 28-page standard passports. Requests for VPIs on Form DS-4085 will only be accepted for current passports until December 31, 2015.

The determination to eliminate VPIs was made after considering document utility, cost effectiveness, customer service, internal controls, security, international practice, and operational factors. When applying for a new passport, some customers may need to update residence permits or foreign entry/exit visas to comply with foreign country immigration practices.

U.S. Embassy reminds all U.S. citizens to report any criminal, suspicious, or unusual activity to Swedish authorities and to contact the Embassy for help if you are a victim of crime.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Sweden enroll in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State Department's website at Department of State Website, where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the Country Specific Information for Sweden at Country Specific Information. For additional information, refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on Twitter at ACS Twitter and Facebook at ACS Facebook, and download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App at Smart Traveler iPhone to have travel information at your fingertips.

The U.S. Embassy is located on Dag Hammarskjölds Väg 31 in Stockholm and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; telephone +46 08 783 5300;; E-mail: ACS E-mail Address; webpage: U.S. Embassy Webpage.